

Granite State Enterprise Forum

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Dear Attorney Hesse,

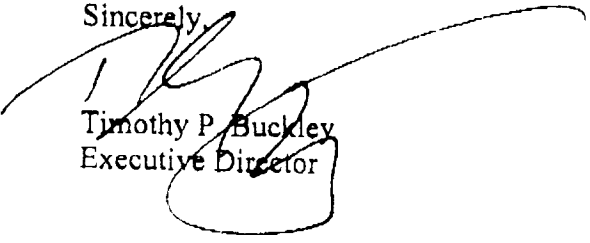
The government has done its job. Years ago, complaints were brought against Microsoft which turned into one of our country's biggest, most ominous, and wide-ranging anti-trust lawsuits. The Justice Department and state attorneys general saw the case through the gauntlet and now Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has worked with both sides to negotiate a settlement proposal.

The fiscal outlook for this year is grim. Unemployment is up. Wages are falling. Sales are down across the board. Americans have battered down the hatches. One of the most significant pieces of housekeeping we can take care of is the U.S. versus Microsoft case.

The continued success of the technology industry is one of the best things we've got going here in America. It employs thousands of people and every day new innovations are brought to fruition. The long-term health of the tech sector is one of the most important components of our economy, with more than one-third of America's economic growth between '95 and '00 coming from IT alone.

Instead of trying to knock Microsoft to its knees so that its competitors get a leg up, why not let everyone flourish in a competitive marketplace? Microsoft has been tried. Now is the time to close this case and move on. I hope the settlement agreement will be adopted. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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